



Dawson Eagle Band Booster General Membership Meeting – February 15, 2010

Attendees: Directors: Ryan Agard, Ryan Heath, Justin Zimmerman

Band Booster Officers: Peggy Tamez, Eddie Pompa, Tina Byers, Mary Tucker, Sondra Jackson

General Membership

Meeting began at 6:35 pm and was held in the Dawson High School Small Band Hall.

Agenda and financial summary were distributed.

Members had been asked to review minutes from previous meeting as posted on the website. Additions or corrections to the minutes were requested. Minutes were approved as posted.

Mary presented financial summary also mentioning that detailed statements are available upon request.

Booster Club made an \$11000 donation to be applied towards the honors band trip to Indiana. Reimbursements for tailgating are received except of \$248.

Booster Club also fronted costs for CG competition and was reimbursed for this on the day of the competition.

A question was asked by Dennis Foret, on behalf of Angie Foret, the Kroger Card committee chairperson, whether Kroger orphaned funds will be moved to scholarship funds. \$2299.90 will be moved. Dennis questioned whether we have any obligation to notify the people leaving the funds. Dennis stated that over 90% of the funds were left over 2 years ago. Question raised by Marianna Sockrider concerning PHS's handling of this. Does the money go to general scholarship fund or to the kid's specific fund? The understanding is that due to the length of elapsed time, this was expected to be a donation. Dennis says one person has over \$600 and that some are still using the card even after their child has left the band. Parents with younger kids may be "saving" and still spending planning on having the funds available for younger kids coming up. This should be investigated and booster officers will continue discussion and determine plans to resolve the issue. Mr. Heath asked if these funds could be used for reasons other than the scholarship fund. Discussion followed about Booster Club's obligation to provide some scholarship money according to our 501c(3) designation.

Mr. Agard then raised the question of when Booster Club would be paying the amount owed to Connect Tours for the Color Guard trip to Ohio last spring. He says we should be paying Connect Tours what we owe them. Peggy asked why the proceeds from the recent CG competition couldn't be used to pay this

balance. Agard stated those funds were to be used to pay this year's CG expenses. Booster Club proposed that we would pay half of the outstanding debt and the activity fund should be used to pay the remaining half. Much discussion of this trip followed. Who really owes the approximately \$9000 dollars from last year? Should PISD be responsible for paying for Mr. Morrison, Mr. Frerking, CG technicians, etc? The amount that we were billed was what we were expected to pay, but the reimbursement amount collected from parents and others traveling on the trip didn't match. Several attempts via email have been made to collect these funds. Peggy will request a meeting with Mr. Bartay from PISD accounting and try to resolve the difference. Membership agreed that, in order to preserve Dawson's name, the debt should be paid by someone. Boosters will pay \$1000 toward this debt, leaving a balance of \$5199 due as of 2/15/10. Before the next Booster meeting, pending a meeting with Mr. Bartay to discuss the issue, we will have a plan to pay off the rest of the debt and a plan to attempt to recoup the costs of the CG technicians and administrators trip to Ohio.

Rodeo/Aramark dates:

Tina passed out Rodeo date ballots for votes from general membership as to which dates we'll work during this rodeo. Discussion about which stands to work. Asked for top 5 votes from members. Members then voted and ballots were collected for tabulation (see results below).

Color Guard Competition Postmortem: Eddie Pompa – The competition raised over \$10000. The Pearland Chamber of Commerce estimates that the economic impact of the competition was over \$140000. The event was very successful and most things ran very smoothly. Special mention was given to the bus, cooking, check-in and hospitality. Possible Improvements for future events: offer electronic signup sheet for volunteers early – in the fall preceding the competition. Clarify directions to the "old Dawson High". There was some confusion as to the actual location of the event – old Dawson/new Dawson issues. There was some confusion about photography passes – no flash photography is allowed since it is distracting to the competitors. TCGC announcer was saying that there was no photography allowed. We should emphasize no flash photography in the future. The Friday night meeting should be used to provide more training, particularly for escorts. Props entrance: should not conflict with guard check-in. Check-in info should be posted larger and easier to see as you walk in.

Results of Rodeo/Aramark voting: Kenney Chesney (Thursday, March 4), Jonas Bros. (Sunday, March 7), Black Eyed Peas (Thursday, March 18), Brooks and Dunn (Saturday, March 20), Selena Gomez/Justin Bieber (Sunday, March 21). We will be working these dates and will be asking for volunteers and starting a phone tree to ensure that we have enough people to successfully work booth on these dates.

Scholarship discussion was tabled pending results of orphan funds as discussed above.

By-laws discussion was tabled due to absence of any members of the committee.

Auction: Eddie Pompa will let Lisa Charrin know that our startup funds will be limited and she should keep costs to a minimum. The auction committee will determine a way to collect basket items for the auction from band and color guard members and families.

Mr. Agard's comments: Mr. Agard had no comments.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Minutes submitted for approval by Sondra Jackson on Friday, February 19, 2010.